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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujita et al.

Fujita et al disclose an image forming apparatus and method comprising a heater 1 to heat and fix toner image 36 on a recording medium 37 (Fig. 11); a detector to detect a current supplied from an external power source 3 (i.e. main power source) to the image forming apparatus; a battery 4 (i.e. auxiliary power source) to supply power to the heater; a charger 6 to charge the battery with power supplied from the external power source; and a controller 8 to control the charger such that a current supplied from the charger to the battery changes based on the current detected by the detector (Col. 6, lines 33-55).

Fujita et al further disclose the heater receives power supplied from the external power source independently of the battery (i.e. the heater receives power from the external power source 3 and auxiliary power source 4, Col. 5, lines 64-65) and includes an electric double-layer capacitor (Col. 6, line 4); a discharging switch 9 to connect and

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disconnect the battery to the heater and wherein the controller controls the discharging switch such that the battery is connected to the heater during a ramp-up period (Col. 6, lines 18-21 & Col. 16, line 65 thru Col. 17, line 7); a charging switch 7 to connect and disconnect the charger to the battery and wherein the controller controls the charging switch such that the charger is connected to the battery during an image forming period (Col. 6, lines 49-56) and the controller compares the current detected by the detector to a threshold current value, control the charging switch such that the charger is connected to the battery when the current detected by the detector is less than the threshold current value, control the charger such that the charger supplies a constant current to the battery; the detector detects a voltage supplied from the external power source to the image forming apparatus and the controller controls the charger such that power supplied from the charger to the battery changes based on the voltage detected by the detector (Col. 25, lines 19-44); the controller compares a power calculated based on the current and the voltage detected by the detector (Col. 28, lines 41-44); the heater includes a first heater 2a supplied with power from the external power source and a second heater 2b supplied with power from the battery.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2138. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00am - 2:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on (571) 272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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